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See you in '82

This is the lest edition of "Soccer Action" for 1931. It has been an eventful year for soccer — even though it hasn't all been rosy — and we have been there to chronicle it for our sixth season.

Our growth has been steady and 1981 has been our most successful year yet.

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Have a happy festive season. See you in late January.

By LAURIE SCHWAB and CRAIG MACKENZIE

West Adelaide Hellas and St George Budapest are hot favorites to fill the two national league vacancies when the ASF executive meets on November 7.

Other applicants include Blacktown, Melbourne

Sydney Croatia won the NSW State League championship and therefore should be first in line to fill the vacancy left by

Other applicants include Biacktown, Memourine Croatia, Green Gully-Ajax and Sydney Croatia won the NSW State League championship and therefore should be first in line for the state of the

West Adelaide has fin-

West Adelaide has finished in the relegation zone for the second successive year, but the league seems to regard other Adelaide clubs as unsuitable replacements.

Melbourne Croatia will back up its application for PSL membership by signing former coach Mijo Kiss as full time manager and using Olympic Park No. 1 ground with its recent \$4.45 million facelift.

Croatia also will offer to

recent \$4.45 million facelift.

Croatia also will offer to
play four PSL games next year
at the multi million dollar trotting complex in Geelong in
keeping with the ASF's polley
favoring decentralisation.

The club's name was
changed from Essendon
Croatia to Melbourne Croatia
at last week's Victorian State
League Board of Management
meeting but should Croatia be
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to accepted into the ASF's controversial policy against the
use of ethnic club names.

Kiss coached Croatia from
1988 to 1972 when the club was
expelled from the VSF.
Croatia won the State League Cups
to the Company of the Company of the Company
in the period.

Kiss also has coached
Sydney Croatia.

Kiss will start his duties as
full time manager shortly. The
club hopes to make an an
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Australian player of the year Bobby Russell (right) of Adelaide City Juventus, takes the ball away from former Socceroo teem mate Steve Perry of Brisbane City in a league match.

Bobby Russell nation's best

Bobby Russell will have a pleasant surprise waiting for him in Adelaide when he returns from the U.K. where he is trying to break into the big time.

The tough full back from Adelaide City was voted Australian Player of the Year by Press at a gala function in Melbourne last Wednesday.

And David Mitchell made it a double for Adelaide City by being named Best Under 21 Player.

o Details page 3.



Under 21 Player of the Year David Mitchell.

Slavia seeks a 'partner'

Slavia continues negotiating for amalgamation with another Victorian club.

However, Slavia denies that it is about to sell out to Chilean club Hotham United for \$35,000, as reported in the Melbourne Press at the weekend.

Slavia has negotiated with Hotham, AR Split and Clarinda.

Clarinda.
Instead of selling out, however, it wants to link up with another club and have representation on the new committee.



Croatia striker Dave Brogan holds up three fingers to signify the number of goals he scored against Croydon last Sund

uin a threat but **Croatia for Cup**

Croatia should win the final of the Victorian State League Cup against Doveton at Olympic Park on Saturday night. It kicks off at about 8.30pm.

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Green Gully Ajax and Croydon play in the curtain raiser to decide third and fourth places. That game kicks off at 6.45pm.

Without arch rival Ajax the path to clinching the State League Cup Is almost clear for Croatia.

Doveton stands in the way but it's hard to see the Doves catching Croatia too far forward like Ajax was caught on Sunday.

Steve Bone's big and he hustles about up from but he won't get much change out of "Butch" Kokoska. Bone won't beat Kokoska Hone won't get much change out of "Butch" Kokoska. Bone won't beat Kokoska Hone won't get much change out of "Butch" Kokoska. Bone won't beat Kokoska Hone won't get much change out of "Butch" Kokoska. Bone won't beat Kokoska Hone won't get much change to Croatia. I wasn't impressed with the ability men he's fully fit and decides to turn ton.

Alan Quin stayed wide and his disposal sank Ajax. His pace carried him past Ajax defenders crazy enough to charge in and commit themselves against him.

Quin looked at home on the wide open spaces of Olympic Park's No 1. He probably will start off on the left again on Saturday night's final which means that Seve Short will

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

pick him up. Their tussie will have an import-ant bearing on Doveton's ability to create

ant bearing on Doveton's ability to create chances.

No doubt the Doves will concentrate upon getting as many men as possible behind the ball early whenever Croatia is in possession.

Ernie Merrick's the boss at the back and he'll be called upon to give good cover to his fellow defenders assigned the daunting tasks for tagging Dave Brogan and Carl Gilder. Should Gilder play as target man with Brogan working off him it's likely that Paul Corke will mark Gilder.

The big question facing Danny McMinimee, Doveton's interim coach, is who to pick as Brogan's marker.

Should McMinimee select either young Gengiz Mustapha or Gary Porter then on paper at least it would appear to be a mismatch.

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Brogan's got ball skills to burn, vision and
one hell of a finlsh. We saw all of these attributes on Sunday and a repeat performance
would give Croatia the cup.

But the pressure is on Croatia to perform.
With Ajax out of the running Croatia enters
Saturday night's game as a firm odds on favorite, a situation on the Croatia players
haven't experienced for quite a few weeks.

I expect them to come up trumps though.

TEAMS FOR THE FINAL

Likely line-ups for Saturday night's cup final:

CROATIA

		PUGLIE:	BE		
Steve SHORT	Ste KOKO		Danny RAMUAK	Keth ADAMS	3
Ala KEF		Kenny MURPH		Danny DEZIC	
Dav BROG		Carl GILDEI	1	Steve GOJEVIC	
		DOVETO	Ŋ		
		Lou IVANOF	F		
Gengi MUSTAF		Ernie MERRIC	:K	Paul CORKE	
Gary PORTER		Gordon BENTLE		Peter THURLOW	

Arthur

Steve

Alan

Gabor best, then

I was extremely pleased that Rumania's Romulus Gabor won the award as best player of the world youth championships. He certainly was my choice.

rtainly was my choice
I talked with him at some
length and found him a very
modest person, yet also confident in his own ability. He
has reason to be.

Pre never seen a player
more adept at taking effective
free kicks with either foot. He
scored twice with free kicks
against Uruguay and once with
a free kick against England,
against which he also hit the
post.

a free kick against England, against which he also hit the post.

And his other skills are Iirstrate as well. Against the England, which he also hit the post.

And his other skills are Iirstrate as well. Against the English, who try never to let you turn, he faced his opponents in a flash, in one sharp movemended and the post of the post of

at the right time and his great skill and vision enabled him to build up play constructively out of defence.

There has to be an Australian among the stars of this series, and as far as I'm concerned, the best of them was striker Mark Koussas, who won the award as top scorer of the championships.

He reminds me of Dave Keddie and Mike Denton, the former Socceroos — both dynamite in the box.

You can't give Koussas an inch, otherwise he II make you pay for it in a flash, the way he did against England. The aim of the game is to score goals, and Koussas can do that better than most I'm sure that every team in the tournament would have been pleased to have Koussas.

Ol course that brilliant for-

Koussas
Of course that brilliant forward from Cameroon, Ernest
Ebongue, has to be among the
alistars. He showed that good
players are not always the
result of disciplined coaching.
No, Ebongue is a completely
natural player. He doesn't give
two hoots. He takes you on,
and he's off. He's relaxed,
flamboyant, in short — brilliant. t

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Of the goalkeepers, I'm sure everyone would choose Lovas of Rumania and Voilborn of Germany — by far the best in the series. Lovas saved Rumania from defeat against Uruguay, Vollborn was a tower of strength, especially — in the air.

tower of strength, especially in the air.

I and a few colleagues including Doug Utjesenovic and Ottie Abonyi, made a detailed study of the teams, the coaching, and the general management of the sides.

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Out of that, I gained tre-

mendous respect for Dietrich Weise of Germany and Eva-risto of Qatar — the top coaches in the series, as far as

risto of Qatar — the top coaches in the series, as far as I'm concerned. The contrast between their styles is interesting. Weise had everything down to an orderly, punctual plan, his training was direct, predictable but of course very effective. Everything, including the timing of meals, was spoton.

Evaristo's training was more flamboyant, well related to the personality of the people he coached — looser, more skill-based if you like

Weise had not wanted to

skill-based if you like. Weise had not wanted to bring his team to this tourna-ment, explaining there was in-sufficient time to prepare properly. Yet, remarkably, he managed to improve his team from game to game despite

the lack of earlier preparation. In the end, the Germans were in full flight, playing an intelligent, highly tactical game which won it the world title. But Evaristo's success probably is even more significant than Weise's. They say that money incentives had a lot to do with Quart's success, but other Arab countries also have money and they could not achieve what Evaristo did. Let's remember that Don Revie was fured to the United Arab Emiration for furue. Let's remember that Don Revie was fured to the United Arab Emiration for furue. In the Company of the Company of the Ward of the Ward of the Ward He did it with dedication, shreet dedication, shreet he managed Evaristo addressed a FIEA

the mentality of the men he managed.
Evaristo addressed a FIFA seminar of coaches during seminar of coaches during seminar of coaches during we asked him how he managed to communicate with the players, as he is a Brazilina. He said he speaks to them in his halting English Their English is not good either, so they communicate at the same level.
Yet, Evaristo definitely was

ish isn't good either, so they communicate at the same level Yet. Evaristo definitely was the champion coach of the world championship. And we must give special mention to the four underdogs, Egypt, Qatar, Cameroon and Australia, who shook the world during the series. No-one has expected them to be able to the series of the world during the series. No-one has expected them to be able to the series of the world during the series of the world during the series. No-one has expected them to be able to the radditional glants of the sport. There were of course, faults about the championships and is organisation. It was unforgiveable, for example, that so grantsation. It was unforgiveable, for example, that conditions the series of the serie

year
So long for now.
Have a good break, and I'll
look forward to seeing you
again in 1982.

Nick Cook returns

Former Green Gully Ajax and Sunshine midfielder Nick Cook has returned to Victoria and is seeking a club. Cook has finished a stint with Tasmanian club Rapid Wrest Point. He can be contacted by phoning Alex Aleksic on 363 1023.

Cook. 25. was Rapid's top.

on 363 1023.

Cook, 26, was Rapid's top scorer this year. He also has played with another Tasmanian club, White Eagles.





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Here's our team of the tournament

"Soccer Action" writers have chosen an all-star eleven from among the players who competed in the world youth championships

The all-star line-up is:

LOVAS

WINKLHOFER ZORC (W. Germany) (W. Germany)

ANDONE (Rumania) NELSINHO (Brazil)

KAY (Australia) JULIO CESAR (Brazil)

FRANCESCOLI (Uruguay)

AMER (Egypt)

EBONGUE (Cameroon)

GABOR (Rumania)



Rumania's flying winger Romulus Gabor (right) the outstanding player of the world youth championships, rounds an English oppo

Sir Arthur meets the Asian bosses

Australia plans to involved with Asian aggressive tackles from oppoand Pacific countries future international soccer tournaments.

national soccer tournaments.

Sir Arthur George, president of the Australian Soccer Federation, said he had made an approach to Asian officials to shorten the Merdeka tournament from its present 25 days to nine days.

The tournament is held ding the latter stages of our dead of the latter stages of our dead of the latter stages of the latter s

he said

Sir Arthur listed as examples the use of youth, restriction of imports, cutting out exhibition tours, and implementing special programmes of competitive international football from time to time in Australia. Australia

Australia.

The Australian Youth team, which has just completed a four-nation tournament in Peking, was nominated by Sir Arthur to become the national squad.

Arthur to become the national squad.

"The addition of some of the younger players from the former national squad will give us greater depth and experience," he added.

Australian cost, Les Scheinflig, welcomed the two trophies awarded to the young Socceroos as a just reward for their hard work Australia won the Fair Play Trophy, and Mark Koussas the Golden Shoe as leading goal-scorer.

"There were a lot of hard,

By TED SIMMONS

aggressive tackles from oppo-sing teams during the tourna-ment but the players did not complain or retaliate," said Scheinflug.

"The fact that we gained two prestigious trophies from our first World Youth Championship tournament is a tremendous achievement, and an encouragement to fair play."

an encouragement to fair plays and secretary, Brian Le Fevre, revealed that a total of 286,580 people had attended the 32 matches of the Youth championships, and only rain prevented an expected 40,000 crowd for the final in Sydney. He agreed with Sir Arthur that soccer has to do something next year to retain the interest flowing from the tournament.

interest flowing from the tour-nament.
"We have learned a tre-mendous amount from this ex-ercise, and maybe a tourna-ment or a visit by overseas youth teams will be the follow-

up needed to capitalise on the WYC success."

Le Fevre said he was pleased with the spectator total, and that all of the bud-geted items of income and ex-penditure appear to be accura-

penditure appear to be accura-te.
"I will now the gross income later this week, but we haven't got into trouble in conducting the championship, which many people thought was a gamble," he stated.
"It appears the ASF prob-ably will make a small profit, but this is not possible to gauge at this stage with a million dollar turnover and so many accounts still to check and pay."

He believed too much em He believed too much em-phasis had been placed on the Sydney crowd disturbances, pointing out there were no problems at any other game, and the conduct of the specta-tors generally was exemplary.



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Got your whistle, Tim? No, but I can fake one. It's 1981 Referee of the Year Tim Davies with Terry Seacy of Dunlop, sponsor of the award.



Coach of the year.



Mr Ted Meijerink (right) of Philips Industries presents the Philips Shield to Mr Andrew Lederer (left) of 1981 PSL champion Sydney City Hakoah.

Bobby Russell of Adelaide City Juventus is the 1981 Australian Soccer Player of the Year.

Votes for the award, cast by soccer writers, were counted at the Wentworth Hotel in Melbournelast

Mednesday.
Russell's Adelaide City team mate David Mitchell won the award for Best Under 21 Player, donated by "Soccer Action".

Flayer, contacts by "soccer Action".

Eddie Thomson was named Coach of the Year for having steered Sydney City Hakoah to its second successive championship and Tim Davies of Sydney is Referee of the Year.

The Umbro prize for the best soccer photograph of 1981

went to Anton Cermak of the "Sydney Morning Herald", for a picture he took during the pre-season charity game between Marconi and Sydney City.

The Player of the Year award, in its fifth yer, is organised by the Australia Soccer Press Association, Previous winners are, 1977 Jim my Roone y (then Marconi); 1978 Ken Boden (then Newcastle); 1979 Ivo Prskalo (Marconi); 1980 Jim Hermiston (Brisbane Lions).

Russell, who joined Adelaide City from Sydney Croatia a few years ago, plays right back or stopper.

He won the award with 30

points, one more than Ian Souness of Sydney City, and two more than Phil O'Connor of APIA.

Russell is a former Socceroo, having played for Australia in its 2-l victory over New York Cosmos, and also having toured China and Taiwan with the national squad in 1879.

Unfortunately neither Russell, Mitchell nor Thomson were present to accept their awards.

Russell is trailling awards.

Russell is trailling overseason, and Mitchell is in China with the national youth squad.

China with the national youth some the control of t

Only Sydney City (Boden, Kosmina, Spanos, Souness) and of course the Melbourne clubs which didn't have to pay for air fares, were adequately represented by players.

Souness 29, P. O'Connor 28, J. Watson 27, P.Burrows 27, A. Evans 23, P. Raskopolous 23, M. Crook 22, D. Mitchell 22, J. Hermiston 21, P. Wilson Leichhardt 21, B. Nyskohus 20, T. Byrne 20, D. Boland 20, C. Lujic 19, A. Bertogna 19, G. Woodhouse 19, C. Bennett 18, D. Jovanolto 18, P. Katholos 16, J. Djordjovic 15, J. Kosmina 15, J. Senkalski 15, S. Selvaga 15, J. Senkalski 15, S. Selvaga 15, J. Senkalski 15, J. Sentonom 15, P. Ollotton 14, Z. Hioski 14, O. Drotton 14, C. Hioski 14, D. Storom 13, M. Coo 13, J. Zins 13, S. Hoszowski 12, J. Lathan 12, R. Drinkwate 11, B. James 11, B. Buljevic 11, P. Tredinnick 11, A. Maher 11, B. James 11, B. Buljevic 11, P. Gyle 11, G. Cole 11, W. Williamson 10, A. McMillan 10, J. Dunne 10.

10, J. Dunne 10.

UNDER 21 PLAYER

OF THE YEAR

D. Mitchell 34, J. Patikas
29, S. Blair 26, J. Spanos 23, B.
Cozzella 21, P. Raskopolous
19, C. Yankos 17, C. Villani 17, P. Katholos 17, T. Forde 14, R.
Wheatley 14, P. Wilson
(Sydney Olympic) 12, M.
Soper 11, C. Daunt 11, H.
Tredimick 10, I. McKle 10.
REFEREE OF THE YEAR
T. Davies average 7.75%, J.
Fearn 7.55%, D. Campbell
7.51%, D. Nugent 7.50%, P.
Rampley 7.46%, C. Bambridge
7.35%, E. Venois 7.37%, A.
Boskovic 7.36%, R. Mee
7.15%, S. Mellings 7.15%.



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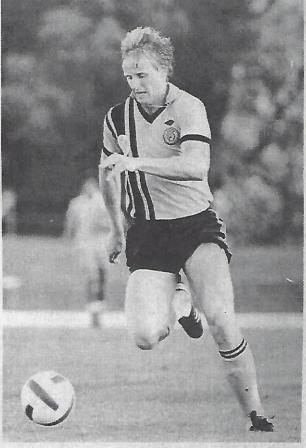
John Kosmina, now with his third national league club, hurdles South Melbourne goalkeeper Peter Laumets. Kosmina scored 11 league goals this year, giving him a total of 38.



Peter Sharne of Mar-



Brisbane City striker Barry Kelso (right) gets past Shraga Topaz. Kelso has 32 goals over five seasons.



Gary Cole (above) of Heidelberg has increased his lead among the all-time top scorers of the national league by topping the season's list for the second time in a row.

Mark Jankovics, previously in second place, dropped down a rung, and Ken Boden, of Sydney City moved up to within one place of Cole, but a hefty 21 goals behind.



Alun Evans (left) of South Melbourne Hellas, in action against Makedonia. Evans's 14 goals for the season, gives him a total of 38 in national competitions.

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APIA stalemate for flying Phil O'Connor

BY CRAIG MACKENZIE

APIA and former Socceroo striker Phil O'Connor thought that I was joking when I rang him last week and said that I wanted to interview him for a "Soccer Action" feature.

Action' feature.

"Hey, listen, is this a put up pob or what." said O'Connor.

I assured him that I genuinely was interested in interviewing him. We started the interview but after a couple of minutes O'Connor queried my credentials again.

"Who did you say you were and what paper are you working for?"

I told O'Connor that I was with "Soccer Action" and we worked out of the magazine section of the Melbourne "Age" — "Listen this has got to be a put on," said O'Connor 'Okay, my life's ambition is to play with whichever club Peter Hensman plays for because he's just so skilful and I really enjoy playing alongside him."

I started to wonder if this

really enjoy playing alongside him."

I started to wonder if this really was Phil O'Connor I was speaking to. Suddenly a spark of light was struck when O'Connor told me that during his playing days with St George he and Hensman were a couple of practical jokers. When St George was playing in Mejbourne they would ring up team mates in other rooms in the team's hotel and pretend to be "Age" journalists. "Hello, It's Jock Campbell from the Melbourne Age 'here and I'd like to ask you a few questions."

and 1'd like to ask you a few questions."

The team mate on the other end of the phone would have to comment on the St George side and even on the coach. Often it was a rather embarrassing conversation but the joke backfired on Hensman one time. He asked his team mate to comment on the ability of Peter Hensman.

"He's quick but he's not got a lot of skill," was the reply."

Now that the mystic had cleared we settled into our discussion.

"Soccer Action" recently

"Soccer Action" recently ran the story about South Mel-bourne Hellas's interest in-signing O'Connor but the Classy APIA winger denied

SOCCER CLINIC

A five-day soccer clinic will be held at St. Johns College Dandenong (Vie) from Menday December 14 to Friday December 18. Any boy from 10 years can take advantage of this clinic to improve his game.

There will be awards to successful team groups and individual prizes on completion of the clinic.

vidual, prices our check in the clinic.
The cost is \$30 per boy.
Times of activities are 10-12 am and 2-4 pm, Monday through to Friday, Michael O'Harri, Michael O'Harri, Michael O'Harri, Michael Charri, Mic

game.

For program of the clinic and further particulars, contact Mike O'Hara on 791 3366.

OOPS!

Gremlins got at last week's in focus' column on page 2. What it should have said was. More than 400 people did make it to the big bash, no doubt all of them people whose contribution to getting the crowds out and keeping the tournament in the public eye was vitally important.

Int The published version, ending or Virtually Unimportant", was inintentionally insulting and of ourse incorrect. It wasn't meant to be said.

Wilson to move?

Altona defender Kevin Wilson won the club's best and fairest award for season 1981 but is unlikely to stay with Al-tona.

Any clubs interested in con-tacting the strong defender can phone 366 9821 after hours.

that he had been contracted by

that he had been contracted by Hellas.

"No-one from Hellas has been in touch with me but I'd certainly move if the offer was right. My workers to the stage to terms for a new contract. I wanted this and the club offered that. The club said it wouldn't offer me more than what it offered so we've left the situation in a stalemate. Really APIA is leaving itself open to other clubs approaching me."

O'Connor was born in Essex in England. When he was 15 he signed as an apprentice with

"O'Connor was born in Essex in England. When he was 15 he signed as an apprentice with English Fourth Division club Southend. Brother Mick was in the Southend reserves then. "Southend was a run of the mill club really. It would go up into Third Division then drop back down to Fouth Division. "I got my first game in the seniors when I was just 15.1 was pretty raw then and rail too. I used to play in midfield until I furned 17 when I was switched onto the wing. But the line and if you didn't seniors when I was just 15.1 was pretty raw then and rail too. I used the health of the was the work of the wor

said, I was pretty raw at the time.
"Ernie Shepherd was the manager when I first joined but he was sacked and Arthur Rowley took over I knew the writing was on the wall for me. Rowley wanted me to stay on as an anateur rather than turn full time professional so I left Southend and joined Southern League club Bexley United.

left Southend and joined Southern League club Bexley United.
"At the end of my first season with Bexley I had the chance to sign with Charlton Athletic or Luton Town. Wolves wanted me to trial too. The manager at Luton, Harry Haslam, dealt with my manager at Bexley and I moved to Luton for about \$4,000.
"I was a full time pro at Luton for about two and a half years It was an enjoyable period of my career until the last six months when I had rouble throwing off a thigh injury.

"NASL outfit Chigaco Stings were on tour at the time and they were on the look-out for players. I played for Luton reserves against the Stings and did well. Then a local amateur side took on the Americans. I played for the local side and we won about 5-31 think. I scored twice. "Former Manchester lighted, centre half. Billy

"Former Manchester United centre half Billy Foulkes was the boss of the Stings and he offered me a good contract. But it meant that when the contract expired I would contract expired

and it might be hard to find a club.

"I met former Soccero striker Adrian Alston at Luton. It was 'Noddy' Alston who set up my trip to Australia to sign with Balgownie (now called Wollongong City) in the NSW State League.

"Australia so unded like paradise the way 'Noddy' described it — girls in bikins lounging around the touchline, sun shining all the time, everyone sporting super suntans — all that sort of stuff. To a young, single bloke Australia sounded like just the place to go.

young, single bloke Australia sounded like just the place to go.

"I arrived on a Sunday morning at about 7.30 am and scored both goals in our 2-1 win over St George. I was well looked after that night, believe me. I think I surfaced some time on Monday afternoon!

"Except for the coach Herbie Williams who did extra well with what he had to work with. Balgownie was a very amateurish club then. I reckon I lost about a yard in pace after only three weeks and adjusting to part time football was hard.

"For the first time in my life I had to find a job other than playing football.

"But I still managed to top the club's goalscoring list during my two seasons there.

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"I went back to England for a holiday and when I returned Marconi. St George and NSW State League (tub Sydney Croatia were chasing me. Actually it was Croatia which offered me the best contract but I preferred to go PSL.

"I came to terms with Mar-coni but the club was slack in paying Wollongong City as they were called by then, the \$9,000 they wanted St George stepped in and seemed more

DRAKEFORD'S

AVAILABLE

Drakeford, 23, has been playing in England and Sweden.

A fast, nippy, skilful forward, Drakeford played for Hellas two years ago.

Clubs interested in signing Drakeford should contact Alun Evans on 531 3593.

Former South Melbourne Hellas winner or midfielder Ken Drakeford (pictured above) wants to return to Australia, and is seeking a club.



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"When I joined, Mantred Schaefer was in charge of the team. He lasted about six months into my stay then lija Takac took over. He was sacked half way through the following season and Joe Flasits took over for the remainder of the season. Vlasits didn't want to carry on though and the following season. Vlasits didn't want to carry on though and the following season was th

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"When my contract was up
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in exchange for me." O'Connor already had tasted international soccer with the Socceroos when he signed for
APIA. However he hadn't established himself as a Socceroor regular aithough many
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He first played for Australia

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He first played for Australia against Hong Kong in 1976. The Socceroos lost 1-0 and O'Connor failed to flatter. Jim

O'Connor only played in the last 20 minutes.

Shoulder rang O'Connor and lold him he was wanted for Australia's. World Cup qualifying campaign.

I'r emember reading the early edition of the 'Daily Mirror' in Sydney and reading my mame among the World Cup squad amembers. But I wasn't in the squad when the later edition of the 'Daily Mirror' came out. I found out that I wasn't eligible due to my inability to fulfill residency qualifications.

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Shoulder was the Socceroo supremo then but a couple of players didn't turn up for training before the Hong Kong game and according to O'Conpor Australia couldn't even-come up with enough substitutes for the match!

The Socceroos won the next encounter with Hong Kong but O'Connor only played in the last 20 minutes.

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Germans geared for success

By WALTER PLESS

West Germany's training sessions in the days leading up to the World Youth Cup final gave an accurate indication of how the team would perform on the big day. There was an efficiency and purpose about the sessions that augured success.

The organisation behind the squad was first class and the train-g sessions went like clockwork. The team even looked neat and isiness-like.

ing sessions went like clockwork. The team even looked neat and business-like.

Every player was kitted out in the tight-fitting, navy blue 'Adidas' tracksuit of the Deutsche Fussball Bund; orange blbs were provided to ditinguish the teams in small-side games; and there always were up to a dozen top quality 'Adidas Tango' balls for the players to work with. In short, the players looked as if they belonged to a team that had a purpose.

Warm-ups were brisk, methodical and enjoyable. The two goal-keepers worked together and went through their own routines, without needing instructions from the coach.

The remainder of the sessions@ree devoted to ball skills, tactical team work and shooting.

There were numerous exercises to sharpen up ball skills such as passing, control and heading. These were conducted under the supervision of the coach who went from group to group, whilst still retaining an overall view of the proceedings.

It commonly was known that Quatar would use the off-side trap in the final, just as it had done in all previous games. The small-side games in training therefore were directed at beating the off-side trap.

Throuthout these games, West German coach Dietrich Weise

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Throughout these games, West German coach Dietrich Weise would run up and down the touch line acting as a linesman and calling out to the players, informing them as to the success or failure of their moves.

The shooting of the West Germans was a wesome, both in terms of power and accuracy. An extremely high percentage of shots hit the target.

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Some practices involved three attackers versus two defenders plus a gualkeeper, some involved an attacker and a goalkeeper in a one versus one confrontation, and some involved an attacker passing to a target man who laid the ball off for the attacker to run onto and shoot.

The excellence of the goalkeepers was evident in these sessions too. They made many fine saves and displayed courage, agility and initiative. They took turns in goal, without instructions from the coach, ensuring that each got sufficient practice. While one faced shots, the other would position himself behind or to one side of the goal and retrieve the few balls that were fired high or wide. A common saying in soccer is that a team plays as it trains. Quality of work is essential and the West Germans showed high quality individual and team skills in their sessions.

It came as no real surprise therefore, that they won the champtonship after watching their training sessions in the days landed on the the fined.



Fans are sick of boring play

raditionally strong countries such as England, Italy and Spain falling, and with low crowd averages in countries such as Argentina, the home of the world champions, and Brazil, the world soccer scene appears somewhat gloomy.

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A number of reasons have been put forward to explain the decline in attendances. Hooliganism, over-exposure on television, high ticket prices, too many games, lack of success, alternative pastimes, are some.

Whilst they all contain some truth, they are not the whole truth. For example, success does not always ensure increased support. The Dutch side AZ-67 Alkmaar won the league and cup double in Holland last year but lost fans. Hooliganism in Spain is isolated and rare, ticket prices are reasonable, television coverage of matches was cut massively, and yet there still was a decline in attendances.

I believe that a significant factor in the declining attendances is the low standard of play. Soccer has declined as a spectacle. Whereas it once was an art that the average fan could appreciate and get excited about and attracted millions and millions of devotees the game now is more often than not stereotyped and dull, its practitioners often over-paid and under-skilled.

There are exceptions of course but it is rare nowadays to see a great game, the sort of game that has lans wanting more. It is no wonder, therefore, that people are finding other things to do.

If the spectacle is good enough, people will become 'hooked' on it and will go to watch even if it means making considerable sacrifices. They will see as many games as they can instead of selecting their games carefully, as many spectators now do.

A negative philosophy has crept into the game and this must have an effect on the numbers who go to watch.

Raimondo Ponte, the Swiss international and former Nottingham Forest player, now playing in France, was interviewed after a recent French league match and said. "We came in search of 40-0 draw and perhaps an easy breakaway goal I thought we were going to hang on but when they scored we didn't have enough players to go forward with good of the proposed of the passes steried and managers today. It is little wonder that people are staying away from game

players who can both defend and attack as required!). It is easy to understand the feelings of two of the game's greatest heroes, Ferenc Puskas and Alfredo Di Stefano. Interviewed attenthis year's European Champions' Cup Final, Puskas said: "Liverpool were lucky to win, but Madrid didn't really deserve anything either. There was no football fin the game. The game is not like it was. I have seen some good football from the Argentines and Brazilians. And sometimes West Germany and Italy, when the mood takes them. But you have to go a long way and wait a long time to find it."

Di Stefano didn't speak. He merely nodded in agreement. And so have more and more fans!

Aceski seeks a club

Footscray JUST's defensive midfielder Danny Aceski seeking another club.

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In the U.S. they call it Human pin-ball, a game of buzzers, flashing lights, disco music, galloping players and a ball pinging off walls and ripping across the turf.

Indoor soccer's a super product. "It's a big hit in America and will catch on fast in Austra-lia, "says an official of Soccerdrome Promo-tions, the company staging Australia's first major international indoor soccer tournament.

Festival Hall in West Melbourne is the venue. November 13, 14 and 20, 21 are the nights when five-a-side outfits representing 12 nations start battling for prizemoney of \$5,000 and a magnificent \$1,000 trophy. The winning nation grabs the trophy along with \$3,000.

Former Socceroo Bill Vojtek, manager-coach of Croatia's team says: "You can't worry about goals asgainst like you do in out-door soccer because goals come thick and fast in the indoor game."

Most soccer fans just love to watch balls fly past the despairing grasp of the outstretched goalkeeper. High scoring matches are assured in indoor soccer. Neither team has to go far to get within striking distance of the opposition enal

The 12 competing nations are Scotland, Australia, Greece, Italy, Croatia, Malta, Yu-goslavia, Makedonia, Turkey, Poland, South America and England

These teams are broken into three groups ne three group winners advance to the semi-

finals. The fourth semi-finalist is established when the three runner-ups compete in a shootout on the final night of the tournament.

Shoot-outs are Americanised versions of what most of the soccer world knows as penalties. But there's a curious twist to the Americanised version. The player has a certain time limit on his movement which involves running with the ball from the half line and trying to score past the opposition goalkeeper.

The tournament organisers are using referees from the Australian Referees' Association and any player receiving a yellow card will go to a "sin bin" where he must serve a two minute suspension.

There will be six games each night. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children and pen-

sioners. Series tickets also are available as are family tickets. They retail for \$10.

Scotland is pre-tournament favourite and Makedonia is expected to provide the Scots with their greatest hurdle.

All in all the tournament should be a success. When you present a package for the soccer public displaying a new, exciting, action packed sport you can't really miss. Let's hope indoor soccer kicks off in a big way.

Just imagine the new State Indoor Sports Centre next to Olympic Park's No.1 ground with thousands of banner waving fans going to the Grand Final of Soccerdrome '82. Indoor soccer may inject an important new lease of life into the game not just in Victoria but throughout Australia.



Zoran Ilioski of J.U.S.T. - he'll play for Macedonia.

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Scotland star Jimmy Rooney of Heidel-

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The VSF invites all senior award coaches to attend an informal meeting at Soccer House on Friday, October 30 with new State Director of Coaching, Tim White.

The meeting commences at 7pm.

For further particulars senior award coaches can contact Coaching Course Secretary Ken Lyon by phoning 7811796

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GROUP A: Scotland, Australia, Malta,

GROUP B: Makedonia, South Amer-

GROUP C: Turkey, Poland, Greece,

Friday, November 13, kick-off 7 pm.

Australia v Scotland; Greece v Tur-key; South America v Italy; Poland v Yugoslavia; Makedonia v England; Croatia v Malta.

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By CRAIG MACKENZIE

CROATIA 3 (Brogan 3) CROYDON 1 (Wade). State League Cup semi-final at Olympic Park. MATCH RATING: 7. Referee: Gaut 8.

CROATIA: Pugliese 6 — Short 7, Ramljak 6, Kokoska Adams 9 — Kerr 8 (Andrews 85th.), Murphy 7, Dezic 8 Brogan 9, Gilder 7, Gojevic 6 (Keenan 75th.)

CROYDON: Edwards 6 — Brown 7, Pongho 6, McCombe 7, Hobson 6 (Bakker 67th.) — Denridder 6, Smith 7, Howarth 6 — P Loughnane 6, Wade 6, Evans 6.

It took Dave Brogan just 40 minutes to beat Croydon and take Croatia into the final the 1981 State League Cup.

One wonders what thoughts went through the heads of any Footscray J.U.S.T. officials at the match. Brogan could have gone to J.U.S.T. earlier this year for \$8000.

Surely, there's no more skilful striker in the State League.

While Brogan's lethal while Brogan's lethal inishing netted him a hat-trick against his former club another ex-Croydon player, Croatia midfielder Joe Tront watched the match from the grandstand

Tront wasn't selected because of disciplinary reasons. Croatia coach Duje Zemunik told me that Tront had missed training sessions and played in a testimonial match for Frankston stalwart Bob Adams. Apparently Croatia hadn't given per-mission for Tront to play.

What makes Tront's situation unique is that although other first team players missed training sessions and played without permission in that testimonial game they still were selected to play against Croydon.

Croydon played without the injured Ian Loughnane and his absence was crucial. Without him Croydon had no bite up front.

Brogan took four minutes to open the scoring. He spun around inside the area and hammered a left foot drive toward the near post. Mick Edwards got both hands on the ball but it was too hot to handle cleanly and slipped into goal.

Alan Kerr almost set up Peter Loughnane for the leveller in the 18th. minute but Elvio Pugliese charged off his line to gather Kerr's back pass before Loughnane could pounce.

Danny Dezic played the

ghnane 6, Wade 6, Evans 6, ball wide to Steve Gojevic in the 32nd. minute. Gojevic tried to cross from the left but didn't strike the ball cleanly. However his cross was deflected past Alan Pongho to the incoming Brogan at the far post. Gary Hobson was goal side of Brogan but the quick thinking Croatia striker stretched out to hammer the ball first time past the helpless Edwards. It was a super opportunists' goal.

Eight minutes later

nists' goal.

Eight minutes later Croydon was down and out. Steve Kokoska played a long ball downfield and Brogan headed on then spun around and charged toward the Croydon goal. Carl Gilder and Steve McCombe challenged and the ball fell for Brogan's back but didn't have the pace to catch up. Brogan knocked the ball in front of him and as it bounced up he volleyed it into the roof of goal from about eight metres out.

By this time the J.U.S.T.

By this time the J.U.S.T. officials would have had tears streaming down their faces.

Brogan should have not-ched number four about seven minutes into the second half. Dezic to Gilder to Brogan split the Croydon defence apart but Brogan din't steady and blasted the ball wide.

Croydon should have opened its account in the opened its account in the 64th. minute. A low ball was played inside the Croatia area. Pugliese charged out past the near post but let the ball account with the face of post post played the ball across the face of goal. Steve Short was on hand to knock the ball out for a corner. for a corner

Eight minutes later Croydon finally scored. Smith took a long throw from the left. Pugliese stayed on his line and Paul Wade's glancing header at the near post sent the ball past Pugliese and in at the far post.

But Croydon didn't look likely to add to its score. The game fizzled out into an easy 3-1 win for Croatia.

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WILHELMINA WANTS BILLY DE GRAAF

Victorian State League club Ringwood Wilhelmina is keen to sign former New Zealand international defender Billy de Graaf from PSL club Wollongong.

de Graaf was in Melbourne recently for talks with Ringwood officials. Dave Gibson, a midfielder who has had stints with English clubs Scunthorpe United and Hull City, has arrived to start a two year contract with Wilhelmi-

Forward Ian Greener and midfielder John O'Callaghan are likely to leave the club.

Greener is tipped to take over as play er-coach of Metro Second Division club Springvale while O'Callaghan is keen to remain in the State League.

The talented O'Callaghan was put on the transfer list at his own request last week. Interested clubs can contact him at work on 792 4799.



Croydon's Steve McCombe (left) gets the better of Croatia's Carl Doveton goalkeeper Lou Ivanoff saves a sliding Gilder in this heading duel. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.



Dave Brogan of Croatia - scored three goals



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squad which Doveton hopes will bring it victory on Saturday night. Back row: Thurlow, Quin, Bone, Ivanoff, Irvine, Merrick, Cherrie. Front row: Whitehurst, Roggero, Corke, Bentley, , Mustaphe, Willcock.

TER TWO LOSSES, YOUNG

e Australian youth team, humby the United States and Egypt rlier matches, won its last match against China in the Great Wall h Cup in Peking at the weekend.

ad lost 1-2 to the US and 0-2 to Egypt — surprise results considering how well alia played in the recent world youth bionships.

Oscar Crino, Fabio Incantalupo and Mark Koussas put Australia 3-0 ahead after 57 minutes before China's Yang Yumin finally beat goalkeeper Dennis Ivanac.

"We should have won all three games," Australian coach Les Sheinflug said. "Against Egypt, 90 percent of the game went our way.

Egypt won the Great Wall Cup, from China, Australia and the US which finished last.



t by Paul Lewis (obscured) of Ajax. In front of Lewis is Alan Quin of Dove-

By CRAIG MACKENZIE DOVETON 2 (Bone, Irvine) AJAX 1 (Paul Lewis). State League Cup semi-final at Olympic Park, Match Rating: 6, Referee: Henderson 8

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DOVETON: Ivanoff 7
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77th.), Quin 8.
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Lewis 7, Cannell 6, Gardiner 6, G. Bennett 5
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65th.), Vassallo 8, Williams 7 - Paul Lewis 6,
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65th.).
"Congratulations of

"Congratulations to Doveton and I wish them every success in next Saturday night's

Final."

With these few words freen Gully Ajax manager Bobby McLachian summed up the upset of the weekend's two State League Cup matches.

A few Doveton supporters were sporting king sized grins after their team's 2-1 win over Ajax and they suggested that the press will have to change its tone when assessing the Doves' chances in a game from now on.

Yet no-one in their right mind would have gone past Ajax when previewing the game.

Doveton just returned

Ajax when previewing the game.

Doveton just returned from a "lost weekend" in Sydney, didn't have a full squad to pick from and coach Danny McMinime recently tendered his resignation. Not exactly the best kind of preparation for a cut throat game against the 1981 State League champion and Ampol and Dockerty Cup winner.

Yet the Doves came up trumps while Ajax looked lethargic and certainly lacked the killer punch up front.

lethargic and certainly lacked the killer punch up front.

Doveton twice caught Ajax at the back. The first blow was struck when the Ajax square and the knock-out came when Ajax was caught too far forward.

Sieve Bone and Steve Irvine were the king-hit specialists.

A long ball punted downfield in the 29th. minute found Irvine and Stuart Cannell bustling for possession. Irvine looked likely to get in a strike at goal but under challenge from Cannell the ball broke to the unmarked Bone. As Bone's halfhit shot snuck in the far corner Irvine was in an ofbroke to the unmarked Bone. As Bone's halfhit shot snuck in the far corner Irvine was in an offside position. The linesman flagged, referee Henderson consulted his fellow official then ruled that Irvine wsn't interering with play and awarded the goal.

The Doves were unlucky to have a penalty appeal turned down in the 6th. minute.

minute.

Peter Lewis squared the Peter Lewis squared the ball back to sweeper John Gardiner who looked likely to play if back to Lewis until Alan Quin cut off the angle. Gardiner hesitated, Quin challenged and won the ball inside the Ajax area. Gardiner wheeled around and appeared to bring Quin down from behind but play was waved, on.

on. From then until the

Doves scored Ajax applied the pressure but couldn't get a clear strike at goal from within the crowded Doveton area.

Too often players milled about in three distinct lines — defence, midfield and attack — and were content to stay there.

The PSL recently delivered an edict that mad dogs and soccer players soon will go out in the non day sun but spectators and journalists won't be there if this game is an example of summer soccer.

The most exciting part of the match came as I joined six or seven spectators e avesdropping through dressing room window I louvres on McLachlan's half time address. Even my ears were burning at the end of the dissertation.

McLachlan wasn't keen on Ajax's slow build up. I doubt that he would have been pleased with his team's finishing either.

Gary Porter's bad back pass in the 37th, minute set up Bill Morrey who shot wide from 12 metres with only Lou Ivanoff to beat and three minutes later Dave Hogben took the ball to the by-line then cut it back to the back post but Ivanoff easily intercepted Gus MacLeod's attempt to head the ball back up to Paul Lewis.

A minute after the interval paul Lewis ran onto a good ball played inside the area and allowed the incoming MacLeod to shoot we the but the bust but the out the stretched of the content of the co

but the ball rebounded off ivanoff's legs and was

Gardiner had pushed up to the right side of mid-field, Gerry Bennett dropped into the sweeper's role and Hogben took over role and Hogben took over at left back. Still Ajax couldn't break the ice. Jim Williams shot from

about 20 metres out on the left but to his dismay the ball bounced off the far upright and the incoming Paul Lewis was unable to convert.

Paul Lewis was unable to convert.

Morrey was fouled from behind by Gengiz Mustapha Hulusi a few moments later and reacted by swinging his elbow up. Mustapha dropped to the ground clutching his face. Referee Henderson came rushing in to quell matters then booked Morrey and young Mustapha

Suddenly Ajax went two goals down and looked out of the race. The ball broke in front of Quin on Doveton's right. He always was going to beat Gerry Bennett in the race to the ball yet Bennett committed himself and paid the penalty. Quin, in full flight, tapped the ball to one side of the lunging Bennett and scooted around the other side. Once in the clear he looked up to see Irvine free on the other side of the park. He crossed past Hogben and Irvine steadied then hammered theall high into the roof of ied then hammered the ball high into the roof of

the Ajax net.
That goal shattered the dreams of the VSF officials praying for an Ajax-Croatia final.

Ajax almost replied within four minutes. Wil-liams did well to cross to the far post where Peter

Lewis headed goalward but Arthur Cherrie kneed the ball out.

Morrey curled the resulting corner across and Ivanoff was all at sea as he tried to punch clear but the Doves escaped.

Not so a second time. Again Morrey's corner came curling in to the back post. Ivanoff palmed it down to the feet of Willie Vassallo. The Ajax midfielder lobbed the ball back across goal and Paul Lewis headed in.

Most of us in the press box sat back with a smug I-told-you-so expression on our faces. A minute earlier we were wondering what had gone wrong with Ajax.

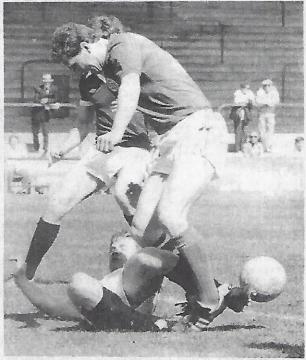
Now the feeling was that there were 29 minutes left for Ajax to level and we thought extra time was on the cards.

Again we were wrong Bone should have finished Ajax in the 72nd. minute, Quin again sent an inch perfect cross over from the right to Bone who controlled well moving inside a defender but shot weakly and Lou Denys saved.

A minute from full time Macleod's back header was fractionally too high and thirty seconds later Peter Lewis headed over. over.

over.

And so ended a great chapter in Victorian soccer history. Doveton became the first club ever to reach the State League Cup Final in its first year in the league while Ajax finished its most successful season with three of the major domestic honors to its credit.



Gary Hobson of Croydon keeps plugging away against Croatia's Alan Kerr, even though he's down.

SCORES, LADDERS

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English Leag	ue - Divis	lon I	1				
Colchester United v Wigan Athletic							
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English Lee	aue - Divi	sion I					
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This week's picture has been submitted by P. van Lierop of 3 Bayswater Road, Moonah, Tas., 7009. It shows South Melbourne Hellas goalkeeper Peter

Laumets saving a shot from Bruce Ward of the Tsmanian all-stars.

The prize for the picture of the year has been won by Barry Smith of 76

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Murray Barnes (Sydney City) contesting for a high ball against Hellas. Barry

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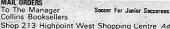
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OW BRAZII **PREPARES** ITS PLAYERS

By DAVID PONSONBY

Winning the 1981 world youth championship requires that a squad of teenagers plays six matches in 15 days, not to mention surviving the travelling half way around the world and between the various centres.

Some countries spent months in training camps and millions of dollars to ensure that their squad would meet the physical demands of such a competition and maintain their ball skills and tactical awareness throughout every game.

awareness throughout every game.
Brazil and Qatar belong in this category and, ironically, met one another in the quarter finals when the Braziliantrained Qatar team (Brazilian coaches, three months preparation in Brazil including a 1:3 defeat in Rio) defeated the most successful soccer nation of modern times.
Qatar has been an unknown quantity but the dominant Brazilian media have ensured that every detail in the daily lives of national team players is published.

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The C.B.D. published a report by physical trainer Carles Alberte Parreira on the training plan for 1970. Similar plans have been followed in major tournaments in 1972, 1974, 1976, 1978 and 1981.

An English summary is contained in "Soccer Fitness" by this author.

Aerobic Fitness

Following close behind the Mexico Olympics there was an emphasis upon altitude training and aerobic fitness. Brazilian trainers, notably Claudio Coutinho (1978 coach) visited the Cooper Laboratory in Dallas which is famed for the best-selling "Aerobics" books.

Brazilian teams have sought

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fitness and Dirceu achieved almost 4,000 metres in the 12 minute run (some 19% shot 10 Olympic middle distance stan-dards). Brazil's central defender, Brito, was the best player from any country in tests con-ducted by Dr. R. Margaria of Italy in Mexico.

Skill versus strength

It is strange that although muscle action determines

It is strange that although muscle action determines movement, most soccer trainers see strength as inhibiting skill. In fact strength permits skill, so that more strength could permit more skill and superior skills exist in spite of, rather than because of, ordinary strength levels.

The Australian youth soccer team would undoubtedly rate highly in physical terms, due in part to their mental fortitude which allows them to utilise their bodily resources to the full. Motivating a legendary millionaire to run himself into the ground for twelve minutes without a ball or a crowd is often a problem!

From the Brazilian view point, their skills are superior, so they must reach the physical standards of other teams only in order to saleguer their own skill advantage.

In 1970 they considered the muscularity of their players was excellent and only used medicine ball type exercises with a training circuit increased meeting the sale of the control. They concentrated on abdominal exercises since gravity, respiration and bodily movements are centred there. The lean Paulo Cesar had abdominal muscles equal to a boxer's, protruding, in fact, beyond the line of his chest but

like the proverbial washboard rather than suet!
By 1974 Brazilian players were challenging strongly in the European manner but many observers lamented the loss of Brazilian skills. Like those of Ademir, who, lamentably, only graced the third place final. Incidentally he was tall and heavily built.

Rehabilitation

Rehabilitation
In 1978 the new goal-scoring sensation, Reinaldo, was a typical victim of his own success, bearing a pair of surgical knees as well as having had ankle surgery.
For the rehabilitation of this player, Coulthio resorted, for the first time, to strength training as developed in the United States by Nautiles Sports/ Medical Industries. Reinaldo was rehabilitated sufficiently to take his place in the qualifying matches but only scored once and Roberto replaced him. He has since returned to the national team, following a fifth knee operation, although he has never permanently overcome his chronic knee problems on top of the usual traumatic injuries of any goal scorer.

Muscular strength

With the removal of Coutinho (now with the Los Angeles Azrecs), Tele Santana shandoned some imported ideas.

Nautilus training is basically isotonic, the weight being lifted and lowered under the muscular control of the player.

The orthopaedic surgeon who accompanied the youth team, Dr. Arnaldo, and the team trainer, Moracl, pre-ferred to use isometric testing



Brazilian midfielder Leomir has a precautionary check on a painful knee.

Brazilian n
and training, fearing
chondromalacia (roughening
of the patella and articular
interpretation of the patella and articular
from weight training.
The muscular contraction is
neld static for 10 or 15 seconds
and the maximum resistance
is 30 kilogrammes.
Using Gladiator (Universal
Gym type equipment) players
perform a series of familiar
exercises: legs, groin, arms
(leg press, knee extension,
nee flexion, abduction, adduction, bench press).

Flexibility

Flexibility

The same musice groups are measured for flexibility (range of movement). Flexibility exercises are performed for 20 minutes or session and in the dressing room prior to matches. These began for the youth team with shoulder and shoulder gride exercises, proceeding through the trunk to groin, leg and foot exercises. Expanding the rib cage takes a special priority for trainer Moraci, rather like the resuscitation component of a

trainer Moraci, rather like the resuscitation component of a surf life-saving course.

A player may lie face down on the ground and have a trainer press down on the ground and have a trainer press down on the save, or be stretched over the trainer's Acad.

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Brazilian trainer Moraci applies pressure to Paulo Roberto's back to aid expiration during training.

during
This presents a paradox for
coaches and trainers, since
American biomechanics professor, Stanley Pigenhoef, has
pointed out that a person with
a large range of movement
around a joint may suffer
severe joint damage since severe joint damage since severe joint damage since begins at which the integrity of
the joint itself will be destroyed.
On the other hand, this
range will accommodate some
forces without injury to the
muscle tissues or tendons.
Yet, the less flexible players
may suffer these tears and
strains.

Therapy

Therapy
At home, especially in the
Maracana, players are providde with every conceivable therapeutic aid. On tour it is only
possible to take a hooded heating system working from light
pulbs! (Most teams would rely
upon supplies of ice.
Other equipment must be
sought out. The Brazilian
team, having the facilities of
the Carlton Football Club
placed at their disposal and
the Victorian Socre Federation, made arrangements for

ation, made arrangements for players requiring treatment to visit the Malvern Sports Clin-

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Brazilian goalkeeper, Pereira, was one beneficiary.
Colliding with a goalpost in the
first match against Rumania,
he experienced pain in throwing the ball or landing on his
right side.
Two treatment sessions on
successive days allowed him
to complete the tournament
without undue suffering.

On some occasions, players readily accept the facilities of modern hotels (a la carte, room service) to excess. Although the training would permit the young players a reasonably large calorie intake, the Brazilian doctor weighed each player every morning affer breakfast. Pele, in 1970, for example, was placed on the "Fat Boys Table" for which supplies of bread and sugar were conspicuous by their absence. Most meals at the Park Royal Motel were from the normal menu but players are happiest with familiar foods and meals, so special efforts were made to cook beans and the control of the

together with coffee (a major sponsor of the team being Cafe do Brasil).

Psychology

While the Brazilian teams lead the world in match victories and world championships and research and develop training plans, aspects of the physiology are as much myth as science (or psychology or 'kidology' to use Sir Matt Busby's terminology).

Psychologically, if everyone believes in their own superior skills and preparation, they will match opponents stride for stride and blow for blow without the intrusion of an inferiority complex which can allow them to be swept aside by allegedly superior opponents.

The danger is, of course, over-confidence, whereby a team plays sufficiently below par to be defeated by an otherwise inferior team.

It is tempting to look at the Brazil v Qatar match and pick out the reasons for the goals. However, the goals them-selves are statistically a prod-uct of random chance.

Coaches like Charles
Hughes of the English Football
Association, don't like "chance" and prefer to look for a
loss of concentration or a tactical or technical error.

Orlando and Vava would point to the refereeing deci-

Psychologically, the Qatar players were playing matches which will probably mark the zenith of their careers. The Brazilian players want to go on to full national honours, al-though few will do so.

Reviewing the qualities of great players tends to obscure rather than illuminate training methods.

Pele was strong but did not train with weights, Gerson, smoked heavily and did not train excessively by any stretch of the imagination.

Yet, Pele improved his ae-robic fitness by 15 per cent at the age of 29 in order to give of his best in Mexico.

Is there a difference then between natural strength and hypertrophy produced by weight training? Other sports would seem to refute this.

Certainly weight training can increase strength and strength can contribute to a faster, more flexible, more enduring, injury-resistant soccer player.

One of the Brazilian players undergoes one of a series of scientific tests to determine fitness **Soccer For Junior Socceroos**















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In 1924 a special meeting was held in "The Working Men's Club" near Sir Thomas Bent's statue, in Nepean Highway. The following was resolved:

"That a Club, to be called 'The Brighton Soccer Football Club' be formed, and that the Brighton Council be approached for use of a ground."

The first office-bearers ected were: — President:

The first office-beares elected were: —President Mr. 6. Simpson. Hon-Secretary. Mr. L. Beard, Treasurer: Mr. C. Wake Committee: Messers. Price, McCubbin, Wast and Spencer. During the season the club enrolled as members three men who were to play an important part in its subsequent history, namely Messrs W. Scott, J. McEwan, and W. Shirley. These men have given great service to the club, which was officially recognised by each of them being made Life Members. The ground allotted to them

being made Life Members. The ground allotted to them was at Hurlington Park. Brighton, north of the present large oval. It was an extremely poor ground, and several working bees were necessary to make it playable. Brighton's first colours were marroon jerseys, with blue collars and cuffs and white shorts.

blue collars and curts and white shorts.

One team was entered in the then "Metropolitan League". Surport was negligible, and collections were seldom enough to pay the referees; fees Officials had to make up the balance until a social was held.

held

The 1924 season from a
playing point of view was only
moderately successful, but the
following year (1925) saw
Brighton at the head of the
premiership table and winning
promotion to the 3rd Division.
During 1926, a Mr. Kinross,
another soccer enthusiast

During 1926, a Mr. Kinross, another soccer enthusiast, approached the club, suggesting the start of a junior Technical School, he realised the importance of establishing soccer in the schools. Some of the boys who passed through his hands in the first year or two were Don Bingham, Laurie Taylor. Herbie Armstrong, Jim Kemp, Ken Ballantyne and Gus Chapman. Don Bingham achieved fame on the playing field, representing his state and country, while off the field he rendered valuable service as secretary. The value of Mr. Kinzort.

rendered valuable service as secretary

The value of Mr. Kinross's fine work was to be fully appreciated as the years went by. The junior team was formed, and then a reserve team, and Brighton had come quite a way. Support was growing, collections were bigger and social activities more numerous.

Further success came in 1928, with promotion to the 2nd privision. Then came the depression and the next few years were a combination of success, misfortune and disappointment.

years were a commando of years were a commando of misfortune and composition office were worried by the twin fears of finance and relegation. However, their faith in the club, and their faith in the club, and their determination to carry on was always evident, and it was in this trying period that the motto of the club: "Determination Defice Defeat", was coined. In 1831, seven years after its formation, Brighton achieved its first major honour, and became a 1st Division Club.

Recognising that the 1st Division was a cut above the 2nd Division, new players were sought, and the following, among others, joined up: Tom Calderwood, Duncan McDougall, Bill Peters, Jack Dracup, and Stan Hungham, and McDougall, Bill Peters, Jack Dracup, and Stan Hungham, and McDougall, Bill Peters, Jack Dracup, and Stan Hungham, and McDougall, Bill Peters, Jack Dracup, and Stan Hungham, and the state's most coveted Soccer trophy, the Dockerty Cup, a remarkable feature being their defeats of Caledonians. Box Hill, Melbourne Thiste, and St. Kilda in the final—all away from home.

Despite the success in the cup, it was a crucial year for the club, as they were in danger of relegation. The vital game to decide whether the club was to be relegated or remain in the 1st Division, was against Collingwood fortunately at home Brighton won and Home Brighton won the Brighton won and Home Brighton won and Home Brighton won the Brighto

commanded to the last season Highlight of the 1939 season was the winning of the



The Brighton first team squad of 1981. Back row, left to right: D. Young (coach), N. Tyrikos, S. Bakewell, M. Lally, S. Scott, P. Mercoulia, E. Brizzio. Front row: A. Tubb, S. Whelan, D. Murphy (captain), S. Pugh, C. Michaelopoulos, D. Black, Missing: S. Black, J. Carey.

Consolation Cup, despite the fact that Brighton had four of their best players in Sydney representing Victoria.

1840. 41, 42 — These were very difficult years Many of the players and officials had enlisted and in 1842 it was decided that the senior side would temporarily disband.

In 1943 the senior side was re-formed. The club fund at this time was only 3/d. The use of Harfingham Park was re-formed. The club fund at this time was only 3/d. The use of Harfingham Park was re-formed. The club fund in the team that was only 3/d. The use of Harfingham Park was only 1/d. The team that won the 1943 Dockerty Cup for the third time and finishing fourth in the 1st Division League competition.

The team that won the 1943 Dockerty Cup was:

A Gravell, N. Good, W. Whittaker, F. Stewart, J. McOrist, D. Bingham (Capt.), H. Pritchard, T. Sharp. Sierakowski, J. Marone, Van-Der-Pel.

Their opponents in the final were Moreland-Hakoah. The first game at Olympic Park was drawn with the score at 3 goals each; and the replay (also at Olympic Park) was narrowly won by the odd goal in five. Goalscorers for Brighton in the winning game were Sierakowski, 2, Sharp 1.

1944 saw the club start that season with a balance of 18 pounds.

Council granted Brighton the Hague the Park, on which air mid the purp and the proper tracher rough, but playable.

It was another successful season, Brighton being third on the league table and winning the Dockerty Cup for the second year in succession, and the fourth time during the club's existence.

Brighton defeated R.A.A.F. at Toorak Park in the final, Harry Pritchard scoring three goals.

goals.

Five of Brighton's team were selected for the Victorian team to play the Royal Navy at Morwell; those selected being Don Bingliam,

Norman Good, Laurie Taylor, Harry Pritchard and Jackie Marone. 1946 — The war being over,

Marone.

1946 — The war being over, many old players and supporters were re-joining the club. Five men — Duncan McDougall, Ron Grant, Jim Miller, Ernie Toe and Tom Miller, Ernie Toe and Tom King — did not return from service abroad, all making the supreme sacrifice. Members of Brighton are proud to have known them.

During this season Kingswood, the South Australian soccer premier, had made inquiries about a game with a Victorian side. Brighton was referred to them and a game was played on Saturday, October 5, at Olympic Park. Kingswood narrowly won-2- This began a series of annual games between the two clubs, which lasted for many seasons.

1947 — Brighton now was growing up. Five teams were placed on the field every Saturday, as follows: 1st Division, Reserve Division, Under 13, Under 13 and Under 15 Divisions.

Don Bingham was selected to play for Australia against the touring South Africans on the Medican was a play against the same team. In the same team. In the same team and the under-19 team were selected for July and the last were selected for July and the same team. The under-19 team won the Junior Cup. The reserves won the league premiership. The 1948 season opened with the club determined to eclipse all previous efforts.

The season was a very successful one — probably the most successful in the Club's history.

Five trophies were won, as follows:

follows:

Reserve Team — Reserve
Cup, Reserve League
Championship Under 19 Team
— Junior Cup, League
Championship Under 17 Team
— Salthouse Cup,
The first team finished third in the League table.

During the season, Mr. Don Bingham (Hon. Secretary), Mr. Finney and Mr. Shingles resigned from the club in order to form a new soccer club in Hampton, to be called

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Duncan Market Medical Ristich (Yugosiavin), George Govaars (Holland), were amongst the new players at the club.
Club colours were changed chat season, the new colours being black and white hooped girseys and socks and black knickers.
Brighton capped that season by winning the 1st Division Championship.
The nickname of the club was aptly "The Spiders".
Earlier in the season Brighton had been invited to enter a Lightning Carnival, which was held in Adelaide every King's Birthday Monday. Brighton were glad to accept the invitation and were able to win it. An attractive gold-braided the team back to Victoria.

goldbraided pennant accompanied the team back to victoria.

The season's highlight was a visit by the Yugoslav Soccer Team (1948 ollympic Finalists). They played four games in Australia including the Sydney and Melbourne Tests, winning all games comfortably, with the exception of the Sydney Test, on August 6th, 1949, was won 3-0 before a crowd of 12,000, who paid 1,300 pounds to see the game. Alex Barr, of Brighton, was included in the Australian side. Australian side. Australian side first 25 years in 1949 saw Brighton the winners of the 1st Division championships, winning both the senior and reserves leagues.

The 1950 season, though a

championships, wimining occurred to the senior and reserves leagues.

The 1950 season, though a successful year for the club, did not yield any honors.

The following seasons, 1951, 1952, 1953 and 1954, saw one of the most successful runs the club has enjoyed winning the Dockerty Cup and Runners-up DOCKERTY Cup and Kunners-up

CLUB HONORS

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The under-19 team also won the league championship in 1952.

The 1954 team was regarded by some of the older club members as the best team ever fielded. Included in this team were nine players who either represented Victoria or Australia.

The 1954 season saw Brighton move to Elsternwick Park, Elsternwick Junction and, in doing so, began to play in a fully enclosed ground.

Brighton strayed at this ground till 1957. This says a lot for the fund raising efforts of the club during those seasons. 1954 was another good year for Brighton, being runners-up in the Dockerty Cup beaten by Hakoah in the final.

Once again, in 1956, Brighton chased the honours, and was runners-up in the Dockerty Cup for the fourth time.

In the semi-final, Brighton

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In the semi-final, Brighton drew 11 with Polonia in a tough game that was marred by spectators' invasion of the ground. This extract was taked day: "Brighton again of the ground. This extract was taked day: "Brighton again of the distribution of the ground and the distribution of the distribution of the ground and tenacity, those twin intangibles, can accomplish a great deal more than the comparative form analyses of the 'experts' can account for."

The replay saw Brighton win with a goal scored in the last few minutes of the game. 1958 saw the creation of the State League that season, but, unfortunately, was relegated to the First Division (South) at the end of the season.

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At the end of the 1959 season, Brighton once again was relegated, this time due to the lst Division, the fop six being cube some properties of the last Division mere included to the Division Brighton failed by one spot in the League table to stay in the 1st Division.

This also was the first

season back in Brighton proper. The club moved to the top ground in Dendy Park, off Nepean Highway, Brighton. The club stayed in the 2nd Division until the 1988 season, when it was relegated.

The 1969 season saw the club play in a new strip which was: white shirt, shorts and socks, and receive the nickname of the "Lily Whites". This might have been a good incentive as the club won promotion that year back Into the 2nd Division.

Nevertheless, the 1970 season saw the strip changagain, to white shirt, black shows the shirt sh

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The young stars of Brighton



Brighton's future rests with young players like these: Back Row: T. Trinski, C. Anastasiadis, E. Brizzio, S. Bannister, M. Baum, M. Dizio, G. Haslam, A. Tubb, Front row: D. Morgan, M. Rufus, M. Terzini, G. Bannister, D. Zemunik, I. Paine, C. Michaleopoulos (from senior team).

We're the club's lifeblood

says junior chairman

The juniors are the lifeblood of Brighton acording to Richard Santo, chairman of the junior management committee.

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That's right, dribbleathons.

The boys have to dribble the ball around the athletic track ringing Dendy Park's main ground and avoid objects on the way. Each boys is sponsored on the basis of how many circuits he can complete in an hour.

The club has about 160 registered juniors who compete in the eight junior teams at present being fielded.

The under-15's won the league championship this year while the under-12's, by finishing third, should play in Division Two of the under-13 Super League in 1982.

Continuity is the aim of the

League in 1982.

Continuity is the aim of the junior coaching staff, as with the junior coaching staff, as with the junior victoria stafe stafe to stafe stafe the Frighton sides try older as they progress through the ranks. Hopefully when they reach senior soccer they will form the basis of a successful team.

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The club boasts many promising juniors
One of these is Paul Trimboli from the under-12's He alierady has outstanding vision for his age. Trimboli is a speedy striker with a nose for goal, indeed he's a fine athlete in many sports. His future prospects are outstanding.

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prospects are outstanding.

Lee Lutton and Carl Hoffer formed a lethal striking partnership in the under-II's this year. Both are aggressive competitors who never stop running. Lutton is a winger and Hoffer a central striker. Between them they scored the vast majority of their teams' goals in 1981.

Joe D'Amico is solidly built but is quick and agile. He



The Brighton under-15 side which won the 1981 league championship. Back row: Oscar Gonzo (coach), B. Vassiliadis, D. Sarra, E. Marjanovic, W. Boyle, B. Limberis, D. Rooney, G. Argyros, P. Antoniadis, B. Dominko (manager). Front: A. Dominko, J. Kosmos, A. Kane, H. Stamatopoulos, R. Terek.

played mainly in defence in the under-14's but has been used in many positions. Peter Antoniadis won the under-15 best and fairest award. He is a solid, depend-able sweeper, the anchor man at the back, and could taste senior soccer in the reserves next year.

A. Kane, H. Stamatopouroz, as small, but fast and skilful. His ability to read play shone in the under-16's. Juniors are offered facilities second to none at Dendy Park. The playing surfaces and dressing rooms are first class. Many top flight overseas clubs on tour in Australia have welcomed the chance to train at Brighton. They include Glasgow Rangers from Scot-

In terms.

I and, English clubs Sunderland and Arsenal and the Greek national call and the Service of the Composition of the Composition of the Compositional stages of the JLMC Cups.

Much of the credit for the ground must go to Tom New, the superintendent for parks and gardens for Brighton council, and his staff.

One of Brighton's leaders, secretary Nick Economou, is a founder member and life member of Tasmanian club Olympia.

Economou was one of the driving forces behind Olympia's rise until he moved to Melbourne in 1962. His son started playing in the Brighton juniors and Economou was lured back into soccer ad-

inistration.

The Brighton committee for season 1982 consists of: Cedric Sakewell (chairman), Nick Tyrikos (president), Economou (seretary), Mrs I. E. Warden (treasurer) and vice-chairman Don Crimbol!

cretary), Mrs I. E. Warden (treasurer) and vice-chairman Don Trimboil.

"Nick Tyrikos only joined our club last year but his drive and enthusiasm is infectious," said Economou.

"Brighton now places a great deal of emphasis upon the development of its youngsters. We also want to make the local area more aware of the existence of this grand old club.

"We need top flight junior coaches like Mai Loncaric who joined us this year and did a marvellous job with out youth team, taking it to second top spot on its league, just one point away from the eventual champions. I can't stress enough the tremendous importance of coaching young players properly."

Former president and current chairman Cedric Bakewell has given over Iz years of loyal service to Brighton. Along with the current committee he s confident that the club's outlook is bright. Cathay Yac fife. Airlines have renewed their sponsorship for a that is confident that megotiated the deal with Cathay Pacific Airlines have renewed their sponsorship for a that seem of the confident that megotiated the deal with Cathay Pacific and I be confident that megotiated the deal with Cathay Pacific and I be confident that megotiated the deal with Cathay Pacific and I be used to prove the confident that the club is the same as well as a youth side. The juniors will be welf represented too with sides in every age group ranging from under-3 to under-18.

They're the best

Brighton's best players have countless Soceroo and Victorian state appearances behind them.

In 1945 Don Bingham, Norm Good, Laurie Tay-lor, Harry Pritchard and Jackie Malone played for Victoria against the Royal Navy

Victoria against the Royal Navy.
Two years later Bing-ham, Good and Alex Barr represented Australia against the touring South Africans Barr, former well known Melbourne soccer writer, also gained Socceroo honors against Yugoslavia in the same year.

Tommy Jack, Dunca, McDougall and Barr played for Victoria against

the touring Yugoslavs in 1947 and four years later goalkeeper Arthur Scott was picked for Victoria

was picked for Victoria against South Australia. In 1955 Scott played for Australia against China and won yet another state appearance, this time against New South Wales. Ross MacKenzie, Sid Thomas, Henry Sutherland, Joe Wilson, Jack Wilson, D. McIntosh, Eric Heath, Johnny Finlay, Brian Roberts and Arthur McCartney won state or national team honors in later years.

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U.S. LOOKS TO MARADONA

THE Americans may have found a way to revive their dream of turning soccer into a nation-wide spectator sport.

Ralling attendances and folding clubs have drastically reversed the progress of previous years.

Now, the word is the Americans think they have the answer — Arrgentinian superstar Diego Maradona.

Whispers persist that Tampa Bay Rowdies — where Gordon Jago is in charge— are working out a deal with Brazilian club Sao Paulo to buy Maradonia from Boca Juniors, who are believed to be heavily in debt.

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Egipat sa 2:0, tako da nam ne gine poslednje mesto,
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necemo saznati, ali je jasno da je nogomet igra koja se
stalno uci. Oriog, koji se uspeva na lovorikama, vreme
nemilosrdno pregazi. Tako je bilo sa name pred polazak u Peking. Posli smo samouvereno da se vratimo
sa peharom, a donecemo drvenu kasiku.

IZNENADJENJE U KUPU CETVORKE Iduce subote na Olympic Parku sastaju se u finalu State League Cup-a Croatia i Doveton, dok ce se mocni i zwikani Ajax boriti sa Croydonom za utesnu trecu nagradu. Doveton je iznenadjenje turnira, jer njegov ulzazk u finale nije niko ocekivao. Croatia ce sve uciniti da dobije obaj susrat, jer bio podigao njen ugled i poboljsao sanae za ulzazk u Philips ligu. U polufinalu Doveton je pobedio Ajaxa sa 2:1, dok je Croatia saviadala borbenog Croydona sa 3:1.

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MAKEDONIJA (DRUGI TIM) — ALTONA GATE 2:0 (1:0). Sudija je seckao igru i ostetio Altonu Gata ad va jedansesterca po misljenju domaceg tima, koji je zavrsio sa. 10 igraca, posto je Vlado Kotevski dobio crveni karton. Strelci: Brian Coyle u 18. i Rista Nicevski u 62. minutu. Mekedonija je nastupila u sledacem sastavu: C. Demiros, B. Atanasovski (Z. Ristovski od 68. minuta), V. Stojanovski, J. Belevski, A. Christov, R. Nicevski, S. Magnano, C. Opasidis, C. Stoykos, B. Coyle, B. Karevski (D. Micevski).
Prednje dve utakmice su igrane na igralistu Alton Cats. doks su se u Geelongu sastali sledeci timovi: MAKEDONIJA (DRUGI TIM) - ALTONA GATE

Prednje dve utakmice su igrane na igralistu Altone Gate, dok su se u Geelongu sastali sledeci timovi:

GEELONG WEST/MAKEDONIJA - CARLTON-

VARDAR 2:0 (1:0).

MECO HOLDING - PASCOE VALE/PELISTER
3:1 (1:0).

3:1 (1:0).

U Sheppartonu je utakmica izmedju Shepparton City-a i LALOR United/Sloge prekinuta 13 minuta pre kraja kod stanja 2:1 (0:1) za domaci tim, koji je odredio sudiju za ovaj susret: Sloga je povela sa 1:0 preko Tome Tasevskog, ali je posle odmora zbog loseg sudjenja doslo do niza incidenata, dok publika nije provelila u igraliste i izazvsle prekid utakmice.

Iduce nedelje 1. Novembra igra se drugo kolo Makedonskog turnira na igralistu Altone Gate, Paisley Resarve, Milla Street, North Altona, My.55 C.5. Rasporad utakmica je sledeci:

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sakupili na brzinu i vratili se kao pobednici, posto su u
finalu pobedili domacina Meltone sa 4:1 (1:1). Strelci:
Janos Volf 3 i Mario Marjanovic 1. Sastav: Vlado Mitrovic, Stasa Perduv, Veso Kovacevic, Janos Volf,
Zoran Ivkovic, Steven Hartazopulos (Zeljko Karic),
Peter Constadinidis, Milan Djurdjevic (Mario Marjanovic), George Costadinis, Redovan Barjaktarevic,
Lazo Vidacic (Goran Simic).
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SOCCER AROUND THE WORLD

SCHUSTER SHUNG

Liverpool in GERMA last eight

European Cup holder Liverpool shrugged off its indifferent form of recent months when it drew 2-2 with AZ 67 Alkmaar of the Netherlands in their second-round first-leg soccer tie in Amsterdam.

Some pundits had written off Liverpool after a poor start this season which left it languishing in 10th place in the English First Division.

But goals by David Johnson and Sammy Lee should guar-antee Liverpool a place in the last eight, in which it is likely to be joined by another English side. Aston Villa, and West German champion Bayern Mu-nich.

Villa beat Dynamo Berlin 2-1 in East Germany and West German champion Bayern Munich drew 0-0 with Benfica

Liverpool, which won Eu-rope's most prized club trophy for the third time when it beat Real Madrid 1-0 in last year's final in Paris, finally came good in Amsterdam's Olympic stadium.

Johnson shot it into a 22nd minute led and Lee added a second with the cheekiest of lobs from outside the penalty

But manager Bob Paisley still has some work to do with his defence. Two dreadful blunders after the internal saw blunders after the internal saw Alkmaar pull level through Kees Kist and Pier Tol, al-though goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar, who has displayed a penchant for the bizarre in recent matches, was blame-less.

Winger Tony Morley, who was doubtful right up until kick off, was Ashton Villa's hero in Berlin with two beautifully taken goals. But goal-keeper Jimmy Rimran him close by saving a penalty.

Dynamo's only reply came through Hans-Juergen Riedi-ger, the most exciting attacker in East German football.

Brussels was the stage for the other big tie of the round and rejuvenate Anderlecht de-lighted all lovers of attacking football with a 3-1 win over Ju-ventus of Italy

for Anderlecht with Belgian international midfielder Frankie Vercauteren adding the third. Domenico Maroc-chino provided Juventus's only moment of consolation.

Scotland's Aberdeen, first-round conqueror of UEFA Cup holder Ipswich of England was in good form again, beating Rumanian visitor Arges Pietsti 3-0.

All three goals came in the first half — through Gordon Strachan, Peter Weir and John Hewitt — before Arges belatedly changed its goalkeeper.

tedly changed its goalkeeper. EUROPEAN CUP — Second round first leg. Banik Ontrova (Czech) 3. Red Sur Belgrade (Yug.) 1. Austria Wien (Austria) 0. Dynamo Klev(USSR) 1. CSKA Solia (Bulg) 2. Glentoran (N. Ire) 1. Augustria (Park Market) 1. CSKA Solia (Bulg) 3. Junemus (II) 1. Augustria (Park Market) 1. CSKA Solia (Bulg) 2. Glentoran (N. Ire) pool (Eng.) 2. Benfica (Port) 0. Bayern Munch (W. Germ) 0. Dynamo Berlin (E. Germ) 1. Aston (Den) 1. Oniversitatea Craiova (Rum) 0.

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LUEFA CUP — Second Round,
LUEFA CUP — Secon

West German star of the 1980 European Championships who gained a lucrative contract with Barcelona, has told national team boss Jupp Derwell he doesn't want to play for his country again while Paul Breitner and Karl-Heiz Rummenigge "are run-ning the show".

Breitner himself broke off diplomatic and playing relations with the national team five years ago and it's only recently the Bayern Munich skipper has made his peace with the German Federation.

Another top Yugoslav looks destined for English soccer. Sunderland are bringing over 28 year ol dinternational defender Jaiimar Vidovic from Sarejevo for a two week trial. If a deal goes through Vidovic will only cost around \$200,000.

Although Manchester United turned down a \$1,500,000 offer from Arsenal for England winger Steve Coppell I have a hunch the player will leave Old Trafford soon as after having spent around \$7 million on new players in the past five weeks Ron Atkinson will have to sell.

Scottish Premier Legue side Aberdeen have splashed out 150,000 on a luxury club coach which is equipped with TV, video recorder, micro-wave oven, hot late etc.

Struggling Leeds United paid Nottingham Forest \$800, 000 for Scotish international defender Kenny Burns Forest brought Burns Forest brought Burns for \$300,000 four years ago from Birmingham and he became Forbialler of the Year in his first season under Brian Clough.

Marc Falco, the young Tot-tenham striker who had scored nine goals in nine games is out for the rest of the season with ankle ligament injuries sustain-ed in the League Cup match with Manchester United.

Tony Brown, who had been with West Bromwich Albion for nearly 19 years during which time he made over 575 first team appearances and scored 218 goals has joined Bruce Rioch with Torquay United on a free transfer.

Another Fourth Division club is flying the distress signal Peterborough recorded a loss of nearly \$104,000 last season and the directors have had to personally chip in at the bank to keep down their overdraft and offset the soaring interest rates:

Watford supporters get a free pint of beer from their locals on Thursdays providing the club have not been beaten the previous Saturday Elton John's team have linked up with local brewers Benkins.

Chelsea players have been in a trance lately under hypno-therapist David Canova. Also under Canova's spell is Justin Fashanu the former Adelaide City guest striker now with Nottingham Forest who is finding goals hard to come by since he left Norwich City.

Barric Clarke, an almost unknown Englishman whose claim to fame in U.K. was been played with Derby County reserves and non-league Loughborough Town is quietly steering Canada on a couse that could take them to the World Cup Finals in Spain. Clarke, 49, the Canadian

From JIM COOK our European correspondent

staff was led by Stefan Ko-

national coach, got his side through the first qualifying series when they beat United States and drew 1-1 with Mexico in front of 100,000 fans at the Aztec Stadium. In the second round qualification series in Honduras in November they are pitted with the home team, Cuba, Haiti, El Salvador and Mexico. And my information suggest Canada and Mexico are the favourites to get a berth in Spain. to get a berth in Spain

Liverpool fans will soon flood into Anfield through the Bill Shankly gates, ornamented in memory of the manager who made them great.

Billy Bingham, the Northern Ireland team manager, left George Best out of his final squad of 17 for their World Cup game with Scotland saying: "Best is not fit enough for a match as important as this."

Arsenal increased their offer to \$2 million for Steve Coppell of Manchester United but this was also rejected.

Howard Kendall, the Evernom manager has caused resentment among managers by issuing a startling invitation to top players whose contract expires at the end of the season to drop in a line if they would like to play for Everton.

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Grandstand, British Tele-vision's longest running sports programme, is now 23 years old and Len Martin who read the classified football results when the show started in Octo-ber 1958 is still putting over the scores. * * *

Southampton are reported to have lined up a successor for Dave Watson the England defender who is unhappy at the club. Player they have their sights on is Argentinian World Cup captain Danny Passarella who has openly stated he wants to play in England. Manchester United tried to buy Passarella there years ago but his club River Plate quoted too high a price. He can now be got for less than \$1,000,000. Southampton are reported

Terry Cooper, the former Leeds and England defender now player-manager of Third Division Bristol Rovers is tipped to become Cardiff City's new manager.

Paul .Went certainly didn't last long as boss of struggling Orient in the Second Division — 19 days in fact from the time he was appointed until he got the axe.

Wolves' board of directors are pressing manager John Barnwell hard to sell Scottish international striker Andy Gray for around \$2 million so they can reduce their debts at the bank. Barnwell doesn't want to sell Gray, the player doesn't want to sell Gray, the player doesn't want to leave Wolves and Says he is being tossed around like a 'Rag Doll'. If he does go Gray could join Leeds United who have already had a near million offer turned down. Gray was Britain's most expensive player until Bryan Robson joined Manchester United.

It looks like the end of the road for George Best in British soccer after he and his team were thrashed 8-2 by Third Division Brentford San Jose were down to play Exter City the night after the Brentford debacle but with Best injured the Devon club cancelled the match at the last moment.

Rumania's entire coaching staff was sacked following their World Cup defeat by Switzerland. The coaching

vacs.

Scotland have now made the World Cup finals for the third consecutive series and this gave Jock Stein scope for a dig at England when he said "Scotland have got through on their own batt." Scotland, modefeated in seven games, still have to play Portugal which is no only a pleasure trip to Lisbon.

Ally McLeod, former Scotland team boss and recently sacked by Motherwell, is meantime concentrating on his pub in Kilmarnock. But Ally of Argentine fame is wanted by Portuguese club Vittoria Setuble.

West Bromwich Albion sponsors BSR are offering a \$2000 award for any goal scored by a WBA player within 90 seconds of the kick-off.

Brendan Batson, the Grenada born defender and England "international of West Bromwich is likely to be the mext big name to move from the Birmingham club who have already netted \$7 million this season for Bryan Robson, Remil Moses and Peter Barnes, Batson is likely to fetch around \$800,000 if he insists on a move.

Hungary easily beat Switzerland without two of their regular defenders Martes and Ballant, both of whom were under suspension.

Kenny Allen, keeper of top Fourth Divison side Bourne-mouth tried to punch out the goalpost during a training ses-sion. Result; he broke his wrist and will be out of action for two months.

Pools winner Alan Millar plans to give some of his \$202,-000 to help local side Frickley Athletic who play in the Al-liance League (top non-league competition outside of league soccer). Millar, a lorry driver, may even buy them a star player. * * *

Trevor Morris, 61, one of the most able administrators in most able administrators in British soccer, is retiring as secretary of the Welsh Foot-ball Association after 11 years service after being out of action for several months with a heart complaint.

Angry Arsenal shareholders accused the board of 30 years of mismanagement and turn-ing supporters against the club at their packed AGM recently. at their packed AGM recently.
Comments were that winning two league championships in 28 years is not good enough and they would rather be league champions in debt than the richest club in the Second Division. An obvious inference to the club having to sell stars like Liam Brady and Frank Stapleton without being able to splash out on adequate replacements.

Billy Bingham the former star who had a big string of international caps for Northern Ireland between 1952 and 1964 and is now part-time manager of his country has revealed he turned down the offer to boss Marconi three weeks ago. Bingham whose present contact with Northern Ireland ends in December of this year is hoping that the Irish F. A. president Harry Cavan and his councillors will retain his services but on a full-time basic sepecially if they make the World Cup Finals in Spain for as my Irish informant says it would be a bloody joke if Ireland went with a part-time manager.

New-look league?

The English Football League want to turn back the clock and gionalise lower grade football.

They propose to scrap the present Fourth Division, then bring in six top Alliance Premier League clubs and form three Third Divisions — North, Midlands and South. But their scheme to give the game a facelift doesnot include any streamlining of the First Division.

There have been suggestions for more than 20 years that the top division should be trimmed.

But the ideal was never adopted. And League secretary Graham Kelly, announcing yesterday's 12-point plan to rest-ructure the game, admitted that many clubs were against reduc-ing the First Division.

The new president of the Football League, Notts County chairman Jack Dunnett, explained. "This is a consultative document agreed by the management committee after three meetings."

He added: "We regard it as an attempt to help Third and ourth Division clubs, particularly in view of the current collapse

"So far this season, First Division attendances are down by four per cent. Second Division by seven per cent and the Third Divi-sion by an alarming 26 per cent.

"Only in the Fourth Division is there an increase — and that is due almost entirely to Sheffield United's attendances." $^{\prime\prime}$ If the scheme eventually goes ahead it would certainly ease the avelling expenses for little clubs.

It was way back in 1958 that the League scrapped the old North and South Third Divisions and Introduced a Fourth Division. The plan also calls for the reorganisation of the League Cup with an extra round involved.

And it suggests an Associate Members' Cup competition for clubs in the three Third Divisions.

The plan will be discussed by Third and Fourth Division club chairmen next month but Kelly echoed Jack Dunnett when he said. "It is all at a very early stage. There is no deadline for these proposals."

Elias Figueroa: Beckenbauer of Sth America

By PAUL MOON

The past decade has seen just two truly great sweep - Franz Beckenbauer and Elias Figueroa. Beckenbauer's exploits are legendary, but Figueroa's career has been relatively obscure, due primarily to his inclusion in invariably mediocre Chilean national teams.

Figures was born in the seaport of Valparaiso in 1947 and spent the early part of his career with the local Wande-rers club.

Capped by the Chile youth team in 1964, he was promoted to senior inter-national status two years later and has been first choice for his country ever

Inevitably impoverished Wanderers could not retain his services and in 1967 he moved to Penarol, Here he won two Uruguayan League Champlons' medels and was a member of the side defeated by Estudiantee (Argentina) in the final of the 1970 Libertadores Cup.

The outstanding player in a superhombination, which he captained, Fig-eroa was unchallenged as South Amer-a's premier defender.

Chile's qualification for the 1974 World Cup finels in West Germany gave Figueroe the opportunity to display his ability on the international stage.

Drawn against Australia, East Germany and West Germany, the Chileans conceded just two goals in their three games, due largely to the offerts of their tireless, ultra-effective

Chile felled to advance beyond the ret round, yet Figueron was acknow-diged as the tournament's best de-order and upon returning home gained urber honor when named as South merican Footballer of the Year.

Figueroa header enabled inter-ional to win the 1975 Brazilian implementary final, ironically against moiro. This was to prove the swan g with Porto Alegre.

Homesickness was the prime reason for a return to Chile, signing for Pelesti-no, an "ethnic" club run by the Pelesti-nian Arab community of Santiago.

Within months of joining his new team Figueroa had scored the winning goel in the Chilean Cup final and gained

his third successive South American Footbeller of the Year accolade, an un-precedented record.

Palestino's 1978 league success, its first for 23 years, enabled the veteran to claim the unique achievement of having obtained Champions' medels in three different countries.

A freak accident in training almost proved fatal, but he recovered in time to accept a two-year contract worth \$100,000. This at 32 years of age.

When the contract expired Figueroa decided to move abroad again.

First it appeared that Bolivian Champion Jorge Wilsterman would accure his signature, offering \$20,000 a game, but the NASL's Fort Lauderdale Strikers produced even better terms and the Chilean was Florida-bound.

Figueroa's American experience was short and not perticularly sweet. Stri-kers refused to release him for World Cup duty and the new lifestyle was not to his liking, consequently a transfer

It is unlikely that he will play beyond 1982. Chile's recent World Cup quali-lication will offer an appropriate finale in

After finally hanging up his boots, Fig-ueron will not be idle. He established a coaching school in Santiago and such was his reputation as a each that inter-national Porto Alegre supporters start-ed a campaign to lure him back in that capacity two years ago. Only recently he conducted courses in China.

in Brazil he studied for a law degree and may yet take up the legal profes-

The Chilean also has had experience as a male model, television commentator and recording artist.

Throughout South America he is held in the eateem that Sir Donald Bradman commends in Australia. Whatever the future holds, it is doubtful that the Figueros family over will have to worry about the price of steek.

Robson: million pound talent?

The news that Bryan Robson had joined Man-chester United from West Bromwich Albion, for a staggering 1.7 million pounds sterling raised a few eyebrows, but did nothing to their the Britich public's esteem of profes-sional football.

Robson, who still had two years of his contract with Albion to run, responded to manager Ronnie Allen's initial refusal to grant him a transfer by producing some ludicrously sub — standard displays for the Midlands club.

the Midlands club. WBA's poor start in the league, plus the humiliating elimination by Zurich Grasshoppers in the UEFA Cup was the last straw for Allen, who reluctantly agreed to the 24-year-old's demand to move.

By PAUL MOON

happy one.
During the course of the
1976-77 campaign, Robson
broke his leg three times!
Once fully fit, though, he
soon established himself as

Real wants Blokhin

Real Madrid without in-jured Laurie Cunningham until early in the new year, are seeking a star replace-

They made a tentative in-quiry for Bryan Robson before the England midfield man moved to Manchester United. Told the price, Real politely asked if that was is pesetas!

With the unlucky Cumingham now recovering from an operation to a severed tendon in his left knee. Real are looking loward Russia. Their target is Oleg Blokhin. Of Dynamo Kiev, a former European Footballer of the Year. If Real get their man, Blokhin would be the first player let out of the Soviet Union to join a club abroad.

one of England's prime prospects. Operating either in defence or midfield, Robson already had made his mark with the national "B" and under 21 teams before his senior side call-up against Eire.

Since that fixture in February 1980 the Geordie has been a regular in the England team and one of the few members to enhance his reputation during a particularly bleak period in English soccer history.

Whether or not Robson — or any other soccer player for any other soccer player for any other soccer player had astronomical fee is, at best, open to debate.

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Alis was the tirst hall-million pound deal.

Mills has spent most of his time at The Hawthorns in the reserves or on the substitutes' bench. Atkinson will be hoping that history does not repeat it-self.

New Zealand, China in line for finals

FIFA's furthest-flung World Cup section started on Septem-ber 24, when China and New Zealand drew 0-0 in Peking and ends on Decem-ber 19, when it's the turn of Saudi Arabia to play hosts to the

Two teams from the group of four, which also includes Kuwait go on then to Spain.

And already one thing is certain: that will mean two new countries in the World Cup Finals, for none of these four has ever previously dreamed of going so far in the world's premier football tournament.

premier football tournament.

Qualifying Group One
Results: New Zealand 3,
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Australia	8	4	2	2	22	9	10
Indonesia	. 8	2	2	4	5	14	6
Taiwan	8	1	3	4	5	8	5
Fiji	8	1	3	4	6	35	5

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Iraq	4	3	0	1	5	2	6
Oatar	4	2	0	2	5	3	4
Bahrain	4	1	0	3	1	6	2
Syria	4	0	0	4	2	7	0

Saudi Arabia, having won the right to stage the group, were hardly surprising winners — though their record of five goals in four games to take maximum points was pretty grim.

After five or six years in which the Saudis spent heavily in the soccer know-how of England and then Brazil, they are now cutting back on imports, both of players and coaches.

coaches.

They invested instead in a 250,000 pound preparation programme for their 42-strong squad before this group, taking with them five Brazilian coaches (including manager Rubens Minelli), two cooks, three physiotherapists and a special massage system to ease the players' aches and pains. They all spent three weeks together tuning up in Singapore, staying at the Mandrin Hotel, one of the most expensive.

No cost was spared on the

expensive.

No cost was spared on the Royadh tournament. All the teams were put up in the best hotels. Results went according to expectations with the Saudis winning the vital, last game 1-0 against Qatar thanks to a goal from midfielder Yusuf Khamis. Saudi defender Nifaoui was voted the best player of the tournament.

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Khamis is one of the stars of
the recent league and cup
double whimers, Al-Nasr (thy
Hilal 3-1 to with the King's Cup
Final) Other top players with
Al-Nasr and national squad include centre-forward Majid
Abdullah, the league's top
scorer with 20 goals in 15
games before he suffered a
knee injury, and forwards Darwish Said and Abdullah Abdrabo.

Group Three
Results: Malaysia 1, S.
Korea 2 - Kuwait 6, Thailand
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played in Kuwait).

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Again. Kuwait, having won the right to stage the group, were hardly surprising winners — though their total of 12 goals in three games prom-ised more entertainment along

ASIA/OCEANIA PLAY-

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China 3 Kuwait 0.

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
China	1	1	1	3	1	3
New Zealand						
Kuweit	1	0	1	2	4	2
Saudi Arabia	0	0	0	0	0	0

the way than had the Saudis in group two.

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Football only really began in Kuwait in 1958, but they have made rapid strides. Last autumn, under the direction of Brazil's former World Cupwinner Carlos Alberto (paid at the rate of 15,000 pounds amonth, tax-free) they won the Asia Cup. More recently, since heading their World Cup group, they also carried off the world military championship, beating Qatar 1-0 in the final.

Carlos Alberto, who took

Carlos Alberto, who took over from Mario Zagalo three years ago, had kept five of Zagalo's men for the group — Ahmad Tarabulsi, Fatih Ka-meel, Jaseem Yaquoub, Faisal Al Dakheel and Saad Al-houti

All Dakheel and Saad Al-houti.

They had no problem beating Thailand 6-0 in the first match, then put four past Majaysia — Jaseem Yaquouh, Mahmoud Jumaa (two) and Masser Al-Ghaner metting the goals. The third game was decisive — against South Korea — and Kuwait had to wait until the second half for the goals from Abdul-Aziz and Nasser Al-Ghaner which secured overall first place. Kuwait have been preparing for the play-off group with series of matches in Europe. Among other games they lost in the play-off group with a series of matches in Europe. Among other games they lost in Plangary, the Adreem 1-1 in Plangary, the Adreem 1-1 in Plangary, who finished bottom of the first division last season.

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Kongi: Preliminary matches.

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Korea 1, Japan 0 - China 0,
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China 4, N. Korea 2 (after
extra time: 95 mins. 2-2).
China officially returned to
the FIFA fold three years ago
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of the fournament Rong Zin-hangl, their veteran mid-fielder, China stayed the pace better to win with extra-time goals from Huang and Gu An-Min

better to win with extra-time goals from Huang and Gu Andin.
Recently the national squad toured in Europe to prepare for the play-off group Among other games they lost only 2-1 to Portuguese double winners, Benfica, and beat West German first division side MSV Duisburg 2-1. They also appointed a European coach for the forthcoming tournament — Horst Buhtz, one-time West German international who played for Tortino in Italy in the early 180s, His Chinese side is Su Yung-shun (From "World Soccer")

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ΕΛΛΑΣ ΜΕΛΒΟΥΡΝΗΣ

ΜΑΔΕ ΜΕΛΕΟΥΡΝΕΣ

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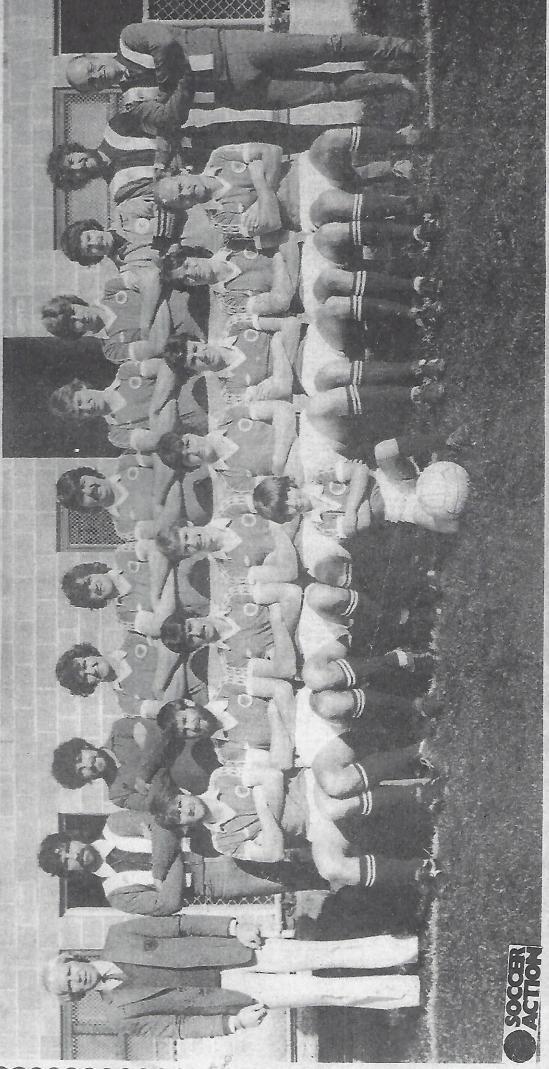
Αρμετοί ποδοσφαιριστές έχουν έκδηλώσσει τήν έπιθυμία να φορέσουν τήν φανέλ λα τού ίστορικού συλλόγου στήν νέα σαι ζόν όπου τό ωκλη θα άγωνίζεται στό Με τορπόλιπαν Αήννα.

ζόν όπου τό 'Ωκλη θά άγωνίζεται στό Με τροπόλιταν Λήγκ. Σύντομα θά άρχίσουν πρός τό παρόν άνεπίσημες οἱ προπονήσεις στό 'Ωκλη, ένώ άρχισαν καὶ οἱ έγγραφές τών Τζοθνιορς. Σέ λίγες ήμέρες θά γίνει καὶ ή γνωριμία τών παιντών μέ τό Δ. Συμβούλιο καθώς καὶ μέ τήν τεχνική ήγεσία τού συλλόγου.

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Brighton ICL — 1st team. Teamenian 1981 Ampol Cup and State League winners, back row: B. Adems (managel), C. Hindmarch, L. Divenuto, B. Kirigatricik, K. Swinseck, J. Taylor (Ceach), W. Peters, J. Charlton, M. Burden, J. Burt (Masseur), G. Arnott (Masseur), Eront row: C. Hey, S. Colline, I. Parkar, P. Forster, D. Donogue, A. Halles, G. Scachill, B. Misckey, Miscoci W. Hindmarch.

Brighton ICL was founded in 1951. State League Champions 1953, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1960 and 1981. Runners up 1979, Ampol Cup Winners 1965, 1973 and runners up in 1980. Calbury Cup Winners 1980, Michael Photograph by R-J. Van Lierop.



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